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Indonesia: Earthquake



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Host National Society: Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia)	

This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia; PMI), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), has determined that external assistance is not required, and is therefore not seeking funding or other assistance from donors at this time.

The situation

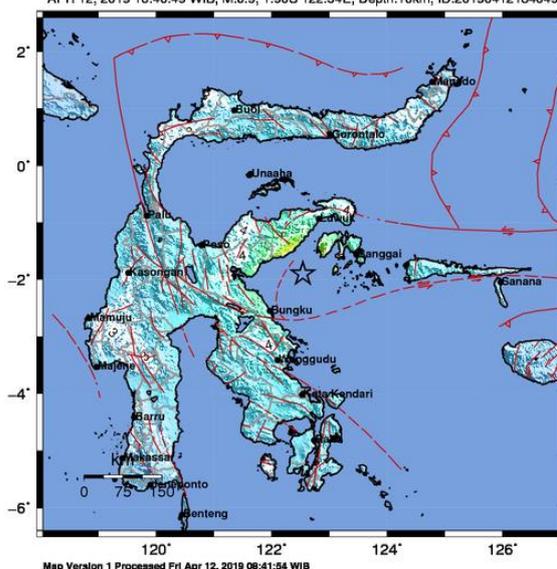
According to the Badan Meteorologi, Klimatologi, dan Geofisika (BMKG), or the Indonesian council on meteorology, climatology and geophysics, a 6.9 magnitude earthquake with a depth of 10 km struck off the coast of the eastern peninsula of Central Sulawesi province at 19H40 (local time GMT+8). The epicentre was approximately 100 km south-southwest of Luwuk, Central Sulawesi. Several major aftershocks (>M5.0) were recorded after the earthquake.

A tsunami warning was raised for the east coast of Central Sulawesi province but was lifted an hour after it was raised.

The government reported MMI (Modified Mercalli Intensity) Level IV in the areas of Morowali, Banggai, Buol, Palu, and Poso. MMI Level IV meant that the earthquake was felt by people in their houses and by some people outside their houses, and doors and walls were rattled.

The government evacuated people living in low-lying areas. Families immediately returned home the same evening. No damage has been reported.

BMKG ShakeMap : Pusat gempa berada di laut 87 km BaratDaya Kep. Banggai
APR 12, 2019 18:40:49 WIB, M:6.9, 1.90S 122.54E, Depth:10km, ID:20190412184049



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PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very heavy
MMI	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Wenden et al. (2011)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

PMI monitored the situation as soon as the earthquake struck and when the tsunami warning was raised, in accordance with standard operating procedures. PMI communicated with its chapters for information through their network of staff and volunteers. PMI supported the evacuations conducted by the government.

IFRC Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) in Jakarta also monitored the situation and was in close coordination with PMI. The CCST kept Partner National Societies informed and maintained contact with the operations team in Palu, Sulawesi, as well as the regional office in Kuala Lumpur, to receive and share information about the earthquake. IFRC in Indonesia gathered relevant media reports, which were shared with partners both inside and outside of the country.



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Save lives,
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and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.
